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During the week ended May 9, 3 supplemental bills of health were granted to 3 steamships.

Twenty-six members of crews and 449 steerage passengers were inspected; 221 steerage passengers were bathed, and their effects were disinfected by steam. The number of pieces of baggage steamed was 527. The number of pieces of bedding similarly treated, 442. Manifests were viséed for 39,489 pieces of freight, amounting to 3,170 tons.

Emigrants were examined as follows:

Steamship *Shinano-Maru* for Seattle, passed 84, recommended for rejection 71; steamship *Manchuria* for Honolulu, passed 119, recommended for rejection 83; and steamship *Manchuria* for San Francisco, passed none, recommended for rejection 2.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show that there were 3 cases of smallpox, with two deaths.

The report from Osaka for the week ended May 2 shows plague 2 cases with 3 deaths and smallpox 48 cases with 30 deaths.

Quarantine no longer enforced at Kobe on account of cessation of small-pox epidemic.

Consul Sharp reports, April 21:

Smallpox having ceased to be epidemic at this port, the quarantine laws and regulations of the United States relative to infected places will from this date be no longer enforced at this consulate.

Reports from Nagasaki—Outbreak of plague on Island of Taira—Measures adopted to prevent spread.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports, May 1:

A case of plague developed October 23, 1907, in the village of Taira, an island included in the prefecture of Nagasaki, and by November 7 no less than 7 people were stricken with the disease. The village doctor suspected bubonic plague and at once notified the authorities. Material was collected and sent to the bacteriological laboratory at Nagasaki, but not being suitable, the diagnosis could not be confirmed. One of the quarantine doctors from this port was sent, and the nature of the outbreak was determined November 6. The prefectural authorities then dispatched quarantine officials, police, and other attendants; established in the village a provisional laboratory, enforced examination of patients and all suspects, as well as of rats, investigated the locality and extent of the disease, disinfected and took such steps as were necessary to prevent the further spread of the disease, caused each case to be reported as it occurred, and made examination of all dead bodies as well as a general health survey. Boundaries were drawn around the infected districts and all communication with the outside was cut off. Preventive disinfection methods and injection of serum were strictly enforced. Rats were killed and all houses cleaned and disinfected. The disease disappeared by December 31, the total number of cases reaching 40, with a mortality of 28 or 70 per cent.

Number of rats killed.....	9,282
Number of rats found infected.....	238
Number of cases of pneumonic plague.....	2
Died.....	2
Number of cases of bubonic plague.....	38
Recovered.....	12
Died.....	26